MARYLAND BOARD OF NURSING TELEPHONIC BOARD MEETING OPEN SESSION AGENDA

DATE/TIME: October 6, 2016 at 3:00 pm

PLACE: Maryland Board of Nursing (by Telephone Conference Call)

4140 Patterson Ave.

Baltimore, Maryland 21215

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL IN NUMBER:

[NOTE: Members of the public may attend the meeting telephonically by dialing the following telephone number and access code]:

The telephone number is 1.415.655.0003 and the access code is 644 247 550.

OPEN SESSION BUSINESS:

1. Consideration and Discussion of Response to August 4, 2016 Letter from National Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland (NPAM) to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene requesting a regulatory amendment to COMAR 10.21.01.07C.(1), which provides as follows:

07 Observation Status.

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C. Examination.

- (1) A psychiatrist shall examine an individual if the individual remains confined on observation status in an inpatient facility within 24 hours of the initial confinement.
- (2) If a physician who examines an individual confined on observation status determines that the individual does not meet the requirements for IVA outlined in Health-General Article, §10-617, Annotated Code of Maryland, and Regulation .04C(4)(c) of this chapter, the physician shall:
 - (a) If the individual meets the requirements for voluntary admission, offer the individual an application for voluntary admission; or
 - (b) Immediately release the individual, following:
- (i) Notification to the parent or guardian that the individual is being released, if the individual is a minor or is a disabled adult who is under guardianship of the parent or guardian under the provisions of Estates and Trusts Article, §13-708, Annotated Code of Maryland; and
- (ii) Preparation of a written aftercare plan in accordance with Health-General Article, §10-809, Annotated Code of Maryland.